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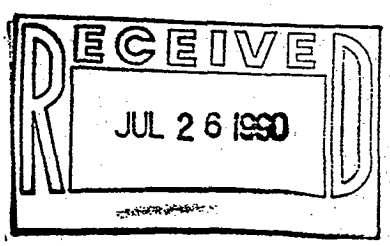

Dr. Harmon C. McAllister
Associate Research Director
The Council for Tobacco Research
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Dear Dr. McAllister:

I have been placed in charge of organizing a FASEB Summer Research Conference entitled: "Transgenic Animals, Current Status and Future Prospects" to be held in the summer of 1991. As you may be aware, transgenic animals represent one of the most profound advances in the field of developmental genetics. Transgenic technology has had a major impact understanding of fundamentals of mammalian development and disease, and has enormous commercial implications for both the biomedical and agricultural sciences. The purpose of this conference is to assemble leaders and promising young investigators in this field, with the goal of assessing the state of progress of this technology and defining the problems yet to be solved. We also plan to address important developing ethical and social issues such as those relating to animal experimentation. I have been asked to organize this meeting because I was senior author on the first paper to report success of gene transfer into mice by microinjection of fertilized eggs (Gordon, J.W., et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 77:7380, 1980). My co-chairman is Dr. George Scangos, who coauthored that first paper. This will be the first conference organized by FASEB in the area of transgenic technology.

We have received responses from about 40 investigators from the United States, Europe and Japan who have tentatively agreed to participate in the conference. Participation is in many cases dependent upon the availability of financial support. Several of these individuals are leaders in the field of transgenic technology and members of the National Academy of Sciences. Others are junior investigators whose participation is invaluable as an investment in future research progress.

As I'm sure you know, funds made available to use from FASEB are limited. I estimate we will need to raise about $15,000 to defray travel expenses for our invited speakers. Both senior and junior investigators are eligible for support. This letter is therefore a request that you consider donating financial support for this conference. I believe these funds would be very well spent, as transgenic technology represents such an important scientific advance. If you require more detailed information regarding the conference, please write to me and I will forward it.

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I enclose for your review the outline of the approved proposal to FASEB for this first conference on transgenic animals. The final conference format may differ slightly from this plan, as may the invited speakers' roster, but the overall goals of the conference as stated in this communication will remain the same. We hope you will consider lending support to this most important effort.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

p.s. Checks should be annotated "Transgenic animals" and made payable to:
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